

THE PANAMA REVOLUTION

Characters of the Men Who Brought the Separation About.

DR. AMADOR, CONSPIRATOR

He Is Foremost in the List. Senior Arango Deserves Almost Equal Credit.

BY MERRILL A. TROUPE.
(Special Correspondence of The Times-Dispatch.)

PANAMA, R. P., December 18.—It would be extremely difficult to discover, as a much more protracted search than it is necessary to make here, a more varied assortment of characters than are embraced within the list of those who had to do with bringing the Republic of Panama into existence. Panama is a land of the most remarkable complexities in human nature, and the population, while among the original secessionists, their counselors and active adherents pronounced types are common, the complex phases characteristic of the general populace are discoverable in more or less certain measures.

Foremost in the list of the independence conspirators stands Dr. Manuel Amador. Because of his recent stay in the United States, Dr. Amador's personality must have become familiar to the newspaper reading public; but the Panama view of him is not without current interest. Dr. Amador is a practicing physician, and of his profession on the isthmus, and a man of decided opinions and sterling character. His acquaintance among the Isthmians is very large, and being regarded as a man of exceptional learning, he is looked up to and esteemed as a natural born leader. All Panama reveres him, and he has been in the popular action for him that while certain individuals, chiefly found among what may be designated as "the Panama Railroad crowd," would like to see Jose Augustin Arango made president of the new republic, that distinction will surely go to Dr. Amador. Quiet and reserved in manner, he lives unostentatiously on the second and third floors of a building which fronts the Cathedral plaza. The first floor of this building is occupied by a firm of bankers, and while Dr. Amador is a man of ample means, his disposition is such that he never endorses to himself from his fellow Panamanians by maintaining a domicile, no part of which is devoted to commercial purposes.

A LIBERAL.
In his political proclivities Dr. Amador has always been a Liberal. He is a Catholic, and his views are of the advanced type—that the church and the State should be independent of each other. He has, therefore, always been active in furthering the revolutionary cause of the Isthmians, his labors to overthrow the Conservative party having been so open and so strenuous that upon one occasion, not many years ago, he was forced by the riotous of self-preservation to have himself packed in a large barrel and shipped across the isthmus in order to escape his enemies. Dr. Amador had played the revolutionary game so boldly and defiantly that the government, then in the hands of the Conservatives, would gladly have exacted his life as a warning to less conspicuous Isthmians. Being warned of the designs against him, and having no time to spare, the venerable Doctor did not hesitate to accept the more convenient of empty, but had never been cleaned. Into it climbed the father of Panamanian independence. It was headed up, carried to the railroad station, loaded on a freight car and sent across the isthmus to Colon, where Dr. Amador found refuge among his Liberal friends. The ruse worked most successfully. The experience was not a pleasant one to the incident goes to show that the man who fostered the scheme for an independent nation on the isthmus has long labored most zealously in the cause he was finally permitted to see to victory.

WILL MAKE A GOOD PRESIDENT.
The people of Panama know Dr. Amador's record in this respect, and his services to Panama have given him a claim upon the regard of the Panamanians stronger than that which any other individual has. It has never been said of him that he is strong in initiative, or that he has any natural aptitude for the handling of large administrative problems. Panama does not, however, stop to weigh these things. The people look upon Dr. Amador as a patriarch; they know that he is an educated thinker; that he is conservative and safe in his views; that he is connected by birth with the Isthmians; that he is a member of the family on the isthmus; that he risked, as a man of considerable wealth, probably more than any other individual in forcing the revolution, and most recently they know that his motives were more unselfish and more truly patriotic than were those of any other member of the original band of secessionists. It is for these reasons, and because they feel themselves indebted to him for their independence, that the Panamanians propose to make him the first president of the republic.

In that office Dr. Amador, while by no means a statesman, will certainly mean a statesman, with a certain claim upon the regard of the Panamanians. He can be most determined when occasion requires determination; but he is free from that arrogance, avarice and bumptiousness that prove the undoing of so many of those raised to be chief magistrates of Latin American republics. The surest guarantee that he will make a good president for Panama lies in the fact that he is ever and always willing to accept advice. He is ready and eager to do whatever promises improvement in the conditions surrounding his people, but he seldom trusts to his own judgment. In the morning of the 18th of December, when he was still in Panama, that the Colombian gunboat Cartagena had landed 500 men at Colon, Dr. Amador did not hesitate. Every other man of the company of original conspirators disappeared as mysteriously and as completely as though the earth had swallowed them up; not one of them found until the day Dr. Amador sought advice of one man—Dr. G. Prescott, assistant superintendent of the Panama Railroad and decided that the coup d'etat for Isthmian independence should be executed at once. His fellow-conspirators had apparently deserted him; but he sounded the alarm, and he was willing to go ahead with the scheme, and originated, under advice, the plan by which Generals Tovar and Amaya were enticed to Panama away from their troops, to be arrested. All of that day Dr. Amador was flying from place to place, as a young boy, and in the evening he found himself in the hands of the army, and when General Huertas effected the arrest of Generals Tovar and Amaya, Dr. Amador stood just behind the soldiers who made the arrest as the leader of an orderly mob of

Panamanians, whom he had incited to follow him and see that the job was done and the republic actually launched. If he were inclined to unpopularity, Dr. Amador would be a dangerous leader for the Panamanians. Happily for them, however, his character is of the most sterling sort. He is sufficiently well-endowed with goods and chattels as to care little for any pecuniary profits that may accrue to him through independence. His spirit is instilled with the higher ideals of his profession, making him a cheerful laborer in humanity's cause, and his present purposes are directed unselfishly and loyally to the uplifting of Panama and the betterment of the Panamanians. What is even more fortunate is the fact that he has had the benefit of the most excellent advice. The people rely upon him with implicit faith, and he, in turn, relies upon those who have guided his hand and his mind in the events of the last few weeks. These men—principally Americans—have proved safe and conservative counselors, and while they occupy unofficial positions under the new government, Dr. Amador will continue to go to them for advice, so that his administration seems destined to be successful.

JOSE AGUSTIN ARANGO.
Next to Dr. Amador, the most interesting character in the new republic is Jose Augustin Arango. Of medium height, slightly built, with drooping shoulders and a hat shuffling gait, Senior Arango has been and will continue to be a great factor in the affairs of Panama. He is a man well to the side, with snow-white hair, beard and moustache. His skin is fair and his eyes are soft and gentle, inclining to the most beseeching expressions. He speaks in low, well-modulated tones, that seem to impart and to invite confidence, and his manner is graceful and winning. For years Don Jose Augustin has been a politician. He has served as a member of the Colombian House of Representatives and of the Senate; of the departmental Legislature, and while a Liberal in politics, he has been in close touch with the governing party. Some years ago the Panama Railroad employed him as its "special agent," a term which here, as in the States, is the polite and official designation of the salaried lobbyist. Among all the men of Panama the railroad corporation could not have found one better qualified for this office. The work required of this special agent, of the utmost importance when it is remembered that the Panama Canal Company, and that for fourteen years it has been the business of the railroad, with Colonel Shaler H. Prescott, body in Panama attempts to conceal Captain J. R. Beers and Major W. M. Bick, actually produced the new republic.

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still, to keep the canal concessions alive. Credit for what has been done in this respect is cheerfully accorded to Senior Arango. Knowing the ins and outs of his alphabet, knowing the weak points of the national character, as well as its strong ones; knowing himself, and as intimately as he knows himself, and having an exceptional facility for reading human nature, Senior Arango has discharged his duties so faithfully that under a strict review of its terms the canal concession would probably have been forfeited long ago, it was kept alive up to the very moment the independence of Panama was declared. Frequent trips to Bogota, dealing with all the functions there and on the isthmus, the employment of all of his gifts of adroitness, persuasion, and a full and graceful of his native country in this undertaking; but not once did Senior Arango fall under the test, and to him more than to any other man is due the fact that the canal concession has remained in possession of the Isthmians.

THE CANAL TREATY ON THE ISTHMUS.
This photograph was taken on board the steamer City of Washington, at Colon, on December 1st. The treaty was shipped from New York in care of Purser A. G. Nott (the figure in white on left of picture), who delivered the box containing it to H. G. Prescott, assistant superintendent of the Panama Railroad, standing on the left. Mr. Nott's left, who in the picture, with umbrella, in whose charge it remained until it was ratified by the Junta. Just back of the iron box containing the treaty, is Captain J. B. Jones, of the steamship.

dated assertion of his friends. Senior Jose Augustin is, however, less ambitious for himself than his friends are for him. When the republic had been declared and the city council of Panama had named the provisional governing Junta, he was named as the president of that body, and to him was entrusted the task of accepting the new republic. When the republic was declared, he immediately resigned his place as special agent of the Panama Railroad; but it is a secret which no one has as yet been able to get out of him, and that as the head of the Junta in direct control of the new republic, Don Augustin works now in as close harmony with the railroad corporation as he did in those days when he was serving it. Openly and in return for a regular salary. The natural deduction is that the railroad corporation is at present the administrator of this new government, and such is the fact, although the railroad company manages to keep itself well in the background, its direction of affairs being accomplished through Arango, who continues in closest touch with the railroad officials. What part he will play when the structure of a republican government shall have been formally reached is not now apparent. It is an enthusiastic advocate of the election of Dr. Amador to the presidency, discouraging all use of his own name for that office, but his part in the drama has been so important that it is conceded that when the curtain of full accomplishment shall have been finally rung down on this bloodless revolution, Arango will have been berthed most comfortably.

OTHERS WHO TOOK A HAND.
Following Amador and Arango comes a long list of men, none of whom gives an impression of any great amount of strength. Thomas Aris is by no means a brilliant man, although he was one of the original trio of secessionists and sits now as a member of the governing Junta. He is well connected in Panama, is a man of considerable wealth; but it seems evident that he owes his participation in the conspiracy which culminated one month ago to the fact that he has, as a physician, been a professional confederator under the Colombian government. He has served in many and different official positions, and his knowledge of the government and of the proper way of doing things excels that of any other man on the isthmus. This knowledge was needed by those who proposed to make Panama an independent republic; hence the reason for the promi-

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FATAL CASES

A Public Danger and Why Care Should Be Taken.

Your attention has been called to this public danger for some time, and we believe it is our duty to inform the people that the incidence of fatal pneumonia cases are caused by the patient taking for a cold some so-called "cough cure" or "inhalant" which depend upon poisonous drugs for their effect. These drugs tend to irritate the nerves and stop secretion along the breathing tract, which is always followed by congestion and inflammation—that causes pneumonia. Without these injurious drugs, Father John's Medicine cures colds, lung standing coughs and all throat and lung troubles. It is not a potent medicine or "cough syrup" but a body builder and tonic. It cures colds by soothing and healing the throat, and nourishes the system at the same time. Its gentle laxative effect strengthens the stomach and lung, and the digestive tract, so that each organ of the body is able to properly perform its work—that is how the poisonous waste matter and impurities are driven out of the system. Its food elements make strength and restore to sound health those who are weak and run down. Father John's Medicine is for sale by Owens and Minor Drug Co., No. 1067 East Main Street; City Drug Store, No. 144 East Main Street; People's Drug Store, No. 3500 Williamsburg Avenue; North Side Pharmacy, No. 501 North Fifth Street; Pine Street Pharmacy, No. 334 South Pine Street; East Pharmacy, No. 501 Venable Street.

covering the man best qualified for the responsible post of leadership, and he quickly produced Dr. Amador, who instantly became the leader in the movement, and who is faced to harvest his most substantial honors. Amador produced Aris, the third man let into the secret of the conspiracy, and these three, working in perfect unison, but always under the advice which Arango procured from Colonel Shaler H. Prescott, body in Panama attempts to conceal Captain J. R. Beers and Major W. M. Bick, actually produced the new republic.

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Watch Night Services.
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ness acquired by Aris. As a leader he would never be considered for a moment; he is much too volatile and too ready to divulge secrets to be a safe counselor; but in the early days it was recognized that he knew the regular and orderly methods of directing government, and because it was desired to avoid mistakes that might lead to controversy and embarrassment he was invited to join in the conspiracy, and has proved an invaluable aid to the real leaders. Frederick Boyd, a member of the Junta, for whom Emmanuel Papahosa has been substituted; C. A. Mendoza, minister of justice; P. V. de la Esparilla, minister of foreign relations; N. de Obispo, minister of war and marine; Julio J. Fabrega, minister of public instruction; and M. E. Amador, a son of Dr. Amador and minister of finance, are not men of strength. Amador corresponds to that of the Secretary of Treasury in our government, the qualification of having been treasurer of the Department of Panama under the Colombian regime, and being, therefore, familiar with the finances of the new republic. The others are successful business and professional men; but not one of the lot has ever had experience in the handling of the reins of government. E. A. Mendoza, a man of brilliant intellect, chosen evidently because he was believed to be mentally equipped for the task of organizing the new republic for governmental purposes; while the others seem to have been chosen in a haphazard fashion, more because men were needed for the particular places they are now filling than because the ones chosen were deemed fitted, by education, training, or experience, to those to which they have been called.

LITTLE BETTER THAN A MAKE-SHIFT.
The bringing together of these men as the actors and responsible managers of a government presents in itself a complexity as strange as any discoverable in this land of complex human mixtures. The government as it is today stands as a make-shift, little better than a make-shift. Never was this better demonstrated than on the day when the new government—Americans identified with the Panama Railroad—never better evidenced their apprehensions as to the future of the new republic. Those holding official positions are not the sort of men in whom reliance can be placed for accurate direction, and so eager have they been to establish contractual relations with the United States by means of the canal treaty that it was at first planned to land the treaty from the steamer City of Washington at Colon at 10 o'clock, and to have it ratified by the Junta and the Cabinet, rush it back to Colon by special train, and send it back to Washington by the steamer Yucatan, which sailed at noon yesterday for New York. This was the railroad's own proposition, conceived in its eagerness to bring about a condition under which the United States, if it ratified the Panama Canal treaty, would become responsible for the peace and security of the new republic. It was stopped only by Rear Admiral Walker, who insisted that for decency's sake at least the treaty be considered for twenty-four hours before it was ratified. It was considered for twenty-four hours, and this morning it was ratified without so much as the crossing of a "Y" or the dotting of an "I," the leaders in this respect refusing to take any further chances with the untried government, composed almost entirely of inexperienced and unqualified officials.

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A Number of Each Are Gathered in the City of New Orleans.

INTERESTING ADDRESSES

Important Topics Are Discussed by Leaders of Thought in This Country.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 29.—Leaders in economic, historical and historical study are here to-day to the number of 150 in attendance upon the annual meeting of the American Historical and Economic Association. An elaborate programme covering three days has been prepared. The meeting is to be held in the Old Cabildo, in the old civil district Court building, and at Newcomb and Tulane Colleges.

THE AMERICAN ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION was called to order by President Edwin R. Seligman, the meeting opened with the reading of a paper on tobacco by Lawson H. Shaffer, tobacco expert of the United States Department of Agriculture.

Papers on the sugar industry were read by John Dymond, Jr., and Dr. W. C. Stubbs in charge of the Louisiana Agricultural Experiment Station. Prof. S. A. Knapp, vice-president of the Louisiana Agricultural Experiment Station, discussed the tobacco industry of the United States, and the history of the tobacco industry in Louisiana.

President Chas. Henry French called the American Historical Association to order. Ex-President Wm. Wirt Howe, of the American Bar Association, read a paper on "Civil and Common Law in the Louisiana Purchase."

Dr. Walker, of New Orleans, and the Aaron Elvir Conspiracy. Dr. W. R. Shepherd discussed "Louisiana in the Spanish Archives." A paper by Prof. Wm. M. Sloane, who was absent was read by Prof. W. A. Dunning, of the Louisiana Purchase.

With the close of the forenoon sessions the members of the Economists and Historical Association were entertained at lunch in the Cabildo. The afternoon session of the Economists was devoted to a discussion of the industrial problems of the South. Dr. A. T. Thompson, of the University of Tennessee, was the principal speaker. He discussed the industrial problems of the South, and the industrial problems of the South.

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